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1. BKTRUST INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION GEHLEN TRIP. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE EXTENT () REPLY TO GEHLEN, EXCEPT TO INFORM HIM ALSO THAT [] PLANNING TRIP EARLY MAY. SUGGEST NO STATEMENT BKTRUST PREFERENCE OR ADVICE. AT SAME TIME, BELIEVE WE OBLIGED INSURE [] AWARE GEHLEN TRAVEL PLANS, AND SUGGEST [] BE ADVISED NOW RATHER THAN LATER ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 2-C REF.

2. THIS CONNECTION, HQS HAS COMPLETED QUICK REVIEW MANU-
SCRIPT ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION GEHLEN BOOK WHICH OBTAINED
UNOFFICIALLY AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE PUBLISHER. IT APPROX 5%
LONGER THAN GERMAN VERSION AND CONTAINS SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH
LIKELY CAUSE CONSTERNATION IN GERMANY. THIS INFO FOR BKTRUST

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A. NO REFERENCES TO BKTRUST) OR LNLUTE TO CAUSE
ALARM.

B. MORE DETAILS ON BORMANN CASE, BUT NOTHING
SENSATIONAL.

C. REGRET THAT JOB OF VICE PRESIDENT GIVEN TO
OUTSIDER, BLOETZ, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS MANAGER
HAMBURG SPD OFFICE. OBVIOUS MISGIVINGS OVER SUCH AN
APPOINTMENT HAVE UNHAPPILY BEEN BORNE OUT.

D. INNUENDO COMMENTS ON ECON BAHR AND LEO BAUER
WHICH MIGHT BE OFFENSIVE TO THEM. HE DESCRIBES BAHR VISIT
TO PULLACH IN 1968. "AFTER HE LEFT, I ORDERED HIM DISCREETLY
FOLLOWED. THE SURVEILLANTS REPORTED THAT BAHR HAD KEPT SECRET
TRYST WITH SENIOR ITALIAN COMMUNIST OFFICIAL."

E. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS BY GUSTAV HEINEMANN TO
EXCHANGE HEINZ FELFE. "HE MOVED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO ARRANGE
AN EARLY RELEASE FOR FELFE FOR HUMANE REASONS". ALSO DE-
ROGATORY COMMENTS ABOUT HEINEMANN 1953 ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION

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"PRO-SOVIET" GESAMTDEUTSCHE VOLKSPARTEI.

F. INDIRECT ATTACK ON EHMKE, SAYING HE PROHIBITED PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED BND BOOK "MOSCOW CALLING HEINZ FELFE" WHICH INTENDED COUNTER ANTICIPATED BOOK BY FELFE. GOVERNMENT PAID OFF THE PUBLISHER TO PREVENT ITS PUBLICATION, IMPLICITLY AT EHMKE BEHEST.

G. ACCUSATION THAT APPROX 1963-64, MINISTERIALRAT BACHMANN OF CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WAS SPREADING DEROGATORY RUMORS ABOUT GEHLEN. BACHMANN PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR BND WHERE HE DEMONSTRATED ONLY MEDIOCRE TALENTS. COMPLAINTS AGAINST VON KOESTER, BACHMANN'S REPLACEMENT IN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE BECAUSE OF HIS ANTI-BND MACHINATIONS.

H. EXPRESSIONS OF DISPLEASURE ABOUT HOW BND RUN AFTER GEHLEN DEPARTURE. GEHLEN WOULD HAVE PREFERRED WENDLAND AS HIS SUCCESSOR OVER WESSEL, AS THERE NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT WENDLAND WAS BEST AND MOST RELIABLE SENIOR COLLEAGUE. RE WENDLAND'S SUICIDE WHICH ASCRIBED TO OVERWORK AND DISAPPOINTMENTS,

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GEHLEN SAYS HE LATER LEARNED THAT WENDLAND HAD BEEN
HURT BY TACTLESS REMARK BY HIS SUCCESSOR (WESSEL).

I. STRONG STATEMENTS ON PRO-COMMUNIST ATTITUDES OF
NOLLAU AND WEHNER. WEHNER RECOMMENDED HIS PROTEGE NOLLAU FOR
VICE PRESIDENT JOB. GEHLEN INFORMED CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
THAT NOLLAU'S SECURITY CLEARANCE WAS NOT UP TO STANDARD
NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR THE JOB. GEHLEN MAKES PARENTHETICAL
REFERENCE TO WEHNER'S CURIOUS SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

J. RE OSTPOLITIK AND GROWING MISTRUST OF GERMANY, "I
UNDERSTAND THAT WESTERN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITH WHOM I
ALWAYS ENJOYED UTMOST COOPERATION ARE NOW RELUCTANT TO EXCHANGE
THEIR MORE SECRET INFORMATION WITH THE PRESENT BND."

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